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Both my husband and I use XM radio. As we travel a fair amount, there are not always regular radio stations that we can tune in to in order to check ahead for potential problems with traffic and/or weather. It doesn't seem to make a whole lot of sense to me for XM or any other satellite radio company to not be able to/not be allowed to assist the public in these areas just as all the other radio stations do.

It's not like it's taking their business in any way - it's just another, actually more efficient way to access pertinent information regarding traffic and weather. Also, most radio stations have set times for reporting traffic and weather conditions and may not be broadcasting them when you actually need them. We also still listen to our regular radio stations as well so their advertisers, etc. are still getting the same attention they normally would. And, as I understand it, XM and other satellite radio companys are not under the jurisdiction of the National Association of Broadcasters as they are private enterprises. Advertisers keep regular radio going and they aren't losing out. But I pay for our XM access and don't see what the regular radio station's association has to say about how I get my traffic and weather! Sounds to me like they are just afraid of losing business/revenue and I simply don't think that's the case. I use my XM precisely as I use my regular radio - when it has something on that I like, I listen; if not, I change the station, go to XM or put in a CD or turn it off! It's like the NAB is trying to say if I don't like what they have on, I can't put in a CD or change stations. Just sounds like paranoia and greed to me!! If they are that afraid of losing business to satellite radio companys, then they should be the ones responsible for improving their business so as to offer more competition - rather than just trying to shut down or limit what legitimate paying customers can access. Tell 'em to quit being such big babies and work their own problems out rather than blaming them on someone else! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mary & Sam Bradley